

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – May 07, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor McDonald read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Mayor McDonald led everyone in the flag salute.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, McDonald, Thompson, Higgins, Conry,
Torres (Arrived at 8:05pm)

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Manager/Borough Clerk

PROCLAMATION:

Older Americans Month:

Councilwoman Gleba read the following Proclamation into the Record:

WHEREAS, it has become a tradition that the Month of May is designed as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the growing population of older adults in our county and our municipality continues to make innumerable positive contributions through their efforts as volunteers and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington wishes to honor our older adults for their past and present contributions and encourages our older residents to remain in the mainstream of life as they continue to play a vital role in our society, and particularly in our local community

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeanine Gleba, Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Washington do hereby proclaim May, 2013 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Public Service Recognition Week:

Mayor McDonald read the following Proclamation into the Record:

WHEREAS, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county, and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working;

WHEREAS, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths;

WHEREAS, many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, health care professionals and others, risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world;

WHEREAS, public servants include teachers, doctors and scientists...train conductors and astronauts...nurses and safety inspectors...laborers, computer technicians and social workers...and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE BE PROCLAIMED BY, Scott McDonald, Mayor of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens that May 05-11, 2013, is Public Service Recognition Week. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels – federal, state, county and city.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be duly embossed, signed by the Mayor, publicly presented to the Washington Borough employees on May 7, 2013 and forever recorded in the official records of the Borough of Washington as an everlasting tribute to the Washington Borough employees by an appreciative and thankful community.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – April 2, 2013.

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Jewell to approve the minutes of April 2, 2013.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Turn the Towns Teal – Request for permission to tie ribbons in the Borough (September)

A motion was made by Gleba, seconded by Jewell to receive and file the correspondence.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Gleba, seconded by Jewell to grant permission for Turn the Towns Teal to tie ribbons in the Borough.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

Ray Rice – Jade Acquisition

Mr. Rice appeared at tonight’s Council meeting with regards to property he owns under the name Jade Partners Washington LLC and two properties that he currently has contracts on. Specifically, the properties are Block 95 Lot 1, Block 95 Lot 3, and Block 95 Lot 4. These properties are known as the Krauszer’s, the former St. Cloud Hotel, and the PNC Bank building. Mr. Rice stated he is here this evening to discuss his desire to purchase the municipal lot that is located behind the Krauszer’s. The properties that are being discussed are located in the existing re-development area that the Borough has identified. The properties would be developed pursuant to the existing zoning regulations. The parking ratio would be met. There would be 7,200 square feet of brand new retail space and ultimately a commercial development on the corner. The re-design of the properties will allow for ninety parking spaces. Mr. Rice states that the Borough currently has a lot of vacant storefronts and he believes that the spaces are outdated and not what retailers are looking for. Above the retail space there will be apartment rental units that will bring disposable income into the Borough, which increases the viability of everything else in town.

Council Discussion:

Mayor McDonald asked how many apartments will be above the retail space. Mr. Rice replied that there will be fifty one. All the apartments will be in the vicinity of the former St. Cloud Hotel and PNC Bank building. Councilwoman Gleba asked in regards to the

fifty one new apartments, has the impact on the schools been looked into? Mr. Rice stated that ultimately he would have to provide a community impact statement but that the profile of people based on the price point and the fact that thirty of the units will be one bedroom, he does not see an impact on the schools. Councilwoman Gleba asked if the parking would be for the public or residents only. Mr. Rice stated that the parking would be for both and with his experience looking at the back and forth traffic; he does not see the parking to be an issue. Mr. Rice stated that the site would be required to have ninety seven parking spaces and right now there are ninety in the plans. Mr. Rice is confident that with some minor reconfiguring he can attain the required ninety seven spaces. Councilman Higgins asked where the residents park in the winter during a snow storm if the parking lot is full. Mr. Rice acknowledged that is a legitimate concern. Councilman Higgins asked BID Director Sandi Cerami who was in the audience her feelings on the project. Ms. Cerami replied that the BID is very much in support of redeveloping that area. It has been an uphill battle to attract developers. The town needs retailers that will bring people to town and make it vibrant again.

Victor Cioni – 29 Alvin Sloan Avenue

Mr. Cioni stated that he believes this is a good project to have. There has been a lot of time and money put into a redevelopment plan of downtown Washington. This project will provide another anchor parking lot and retail space. Mr. Cioni stated that the Borough can have all the parking, but it doesn't matter without the right retail mix. Mr. Cioni feels this project will provide the perfect combination. Mr. Cioni asked that Council seriously consider this project because this is revenue for the Borough and can make Washington Borough the destination town that it should be.

Susan Sloan – Grand Avenue

Mrs. Sloan asked what the benefits will be for Washington Borough in regards to this project. Mr. Rice stated that towns sometimes need to reinvent themselves and with this project there are ultimately going to be many new residents that are going to live downtown and spend money in town.

Robin Klimko – W. Marble Street

Mrs. Klimko asked what the price range would be for the apartments. Mr. Rice stated that the price range would be between \$950 and up to \$1200. Mrs. Klimko expressed her concern regarding adding fifty one rental units to the downtown area. Mrs. Klimko feels the downtown area does not need fifty one residential units and it will create space problems in respect with traffic and garbage. Mayor McDonald stated that these are issues that will be addressed with the Planning Board when the time comes.

Bob Cammarota – Assistant Chief, Washington Borough Fire Department

Mr. Cammarota stated that the Fire Department has some problems with the side doors on the engine bays. The building is over forty years old and they are starting to rot away. Mr. Cammarota asked Council for help in paying for the replacement cost for the doors since the cost is higher than anticipated. Mr. Cammarota secured a quote of \$5,191.23 from Home Depot for two steel doors and the installation. Manager Blanchard stated that two more estimates are needed since the cost is over the quote threshold. Manager Blanchard proposed possibly splitting the cost between the Borough and the Fire Department. Mr. Cammarota will return to Council after obtaining two more estimates and discuss further with Council.

AUDIENCE:

Robin Klimko – W. Marble Street

Mrs. Klimko expressed concern regarding the lifting of the ordinance for on street parking. Mrs. Klimko is concerned about cars being on the street when there is snow on the ground, but not necessarily a snow emergency and the streets can not be properly cleaned. Mrs. Klimko added that there are vehicles parked on Washington Avenue that are rarely moved and create a traffic hazard. Councilman Torres stated that many taxpayers want to be able to park in front of their own home and there are benefits to the ordinance being lifted especially for the elderly residents of the Borough. Councilwoman Gleba added that the lifting of the ordinance came about because the Warren County Communications was swamped with phone calls of people calling in to notify them of their cars being parked overnight and it was counterproductive.

Mrs. Klimko also asked for an update on the South Prospect sewer project. Councilman Higgins stated that the Borough has a new sewer engineer named Chris Jepson. Mr. Jepson suggested putting in individual pumping stations. Once there is half an inch of rain, Mr. Jepson will use a camera to view the lines and identify where the problems are. The lines will be cleaned and pumps will be installed where needed. The problem will be fixed. Councilman Higgins stated that there is action being taken and once the sewer problem is fixed the Borough will take action to fix the sidewalk in that area that is damaged due to the sewer issue.

Mrs. Klimko also stated that the Shabcong Creek is still overflowing and eroding the bank causing her property to flood. Councilman Higgins asked Manager Blanchard to have the sewer engineer take a look and come up with a possible solution.

Edna Detlaf – Fisher Avenue

Mrs. Detlaf asked if the State of NJ still has the Borough under a 2% cap. Mrs. Detlaf stated that she had read in the paper that other neighboring towns have been going up

five percent. Manager Blanchard stated that if they are increasing something outside the cap it could affect that. Councilman Higgins added that the other municipalities could also have had a referendum that could affect that as well.

Susan Sloan – Grand Avenue

Mrs. Sloan would like to suggest that the Borough begin picking up the vegetative waste sometime in April instead of waiting until May. Residents have their bags out for so long that they have become rotten. Manager Blanchard stated that the Borough is going out to bid for a new garbage contract this year and will specify that. Mrs. Sloan also stated that she has a neighbor who has a damaged sidewalk with orange cones set up as a warning. Manager Blanchard will look at the sidewalk and look into the ordinance to see what action can be taken.

Hearing no further comments from the audience a motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Jewell, to close the audience portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 3-2013 An Ordinance Fixing the Salary and Wages of Certain Municipal Officials and Repealing Portions of Prior Inconsistent Salary and Wage Ordinances for the years beginning January 1, 2013. (Introduction)

Motion made by Torres seconded by Higgins to introduce Ordinance 3 – 2013 and have the Clerk read by title.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson,
Jewell
Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Clerk read Ordinance 3-2013 An Ordinance Fixing the Salary and Wages of Certain Municipal Officials and Repealing Portions of Prior Inconsistent Salary and Wage Ordinances for the years beginning January 1, 2013.

ORDINANCE # 3-2013

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND REPEALING

**PORTIONS OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCES FOR
THE YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013**

SECTION 1. The annual salaries, wages and salary and wage ranges for the municipal officials and employees of the Borough of Washington hereinafter named shall be as follows:

SCHEDULE A - FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED/UNCLASSIFIED

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY OR WAGE RANGE</u>
Account Clerk, Keyboarding Clerk 2	\$33,691 - \$49,908 AN
Administrative Clerk	\$46,623 - \$69,630 AN
Assistant Municipal Tax Collector	\$40,317 - \$59,767 AN
Road Repairer Supervisor	\$60,474 - \$71,440 AN
Road Repairer 3	\$55,771 - \$68,468 AN
Building Maintenance Worker	\$41,665 - \$52,112 AN
Clerk 1	\$19,585- \$28,236 AN
Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer	\$46,278 - \$61,622 AN
Equipment Operator, Keyboarding Clerk 3	\$49,984 - \$62,520 AN
Laborer 1	\$37,771 - \$48,394 AN
Library Assistant, Keyboarding Clerk 1	\$29,739 - \$43,527 AN
Senior Account Clerk	\$48,564 – \$63,310 AN
Supervising Library Assistant	\$35,952 - \$51,901 AN
Truck Driver	\$44,832 - \$57,787 AN

SCHEDULE C - PART-TIME CLASSIFIED

Account Clerk	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Animal Control Officer	\$2,750 - \$12,562 AN
Building Service Worker	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Clerk 1	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Code Enforcement Officer	\$7.25 - \$30.00 Hr.
Keyboarding Clerk 1	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator	\$2,000 - \$3,000 AN
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1,500 - \$1,700 AN
Fire Official	\$20.00 - \$30.00 Hr.
Fire Prevention Specialist	\$15.00 - \$25.00 Hr.
Library Assistant	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Municipal Recycling Coordinator	\$1,000 - \$3,000 AN
Senior Library Assistant	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Librarian	\$18.00-\$30.00 Hr.
Zoning Officer	\$7.25 - \$30.00 Hr.

SCHEDULE D - UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE

Chief Financial Officer	\$15,500 - \$60,000 AN
Council Members	\$2,000 AN
Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Mayor	\$2,500 AN
Municipal Clerk	\$48,833 - \$77,388 AN
Municipal Department Head	\$15,000 - \$75,000 AN or \$8.25 - \$41.00 Hr.
Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator	\$2,000 - \$6,000 AN
Municipal Manager (when not combined with Mun. Clerk)	\$80,000 - \$120,000 AN
Municipal Manager (when combined with Mun. Clerk)	\$20,000 - \$30,000 AN
Tax Assessor	\$25,500 - \$45,679 AN
Tax Collector (P/T)	\$14,500 - \$30,000 AN
Tax Collector (F/T)	\$46,623 - \$69,630 AN

SCHEDULE E - UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE **(TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL)**

Acting or Interim Department Head or Executive Management	\$10.00 - \$50.00 Hr.
Assistant Recreation Supervisor(s) (Swim Team)	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Cashier	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Equipment Operator	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Food Service Manager	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Food Service Worker	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Laborer 1	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Life Guard	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Maintenance Worker 1, Grounds	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Municipal Department Head	\$17.00 - \$30.00 Hr.
Recreation Supervisor Swimming (Swim Team)	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Recreation Supervisor Swimming (Swim Lessons)	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Secretary, Board/Commission (Board of Adjustment, Shade Tree, Planning Board, Recreation Department, General Administration)	\$ 500 - \$4,000 AN or \$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.)
Recreation Supervisor (Basketball, Arts&Crafts, Playground)	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Supervisor Baths & Pools	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.
Truck Driver	\$7.25 - \$25.00 Hr.

SECTION 2. Salaries herein shall be payable at the rate fixed in equal installments twice a month. Wages shall be payable twice a month. Any annual salary may be re-calculated to an hourly wage for any position unless restricted by collective bargaining agreement. Any and all fees received by officials and employees of the Borough of Washington shall be paid unto the municipality.

SECTION 3. Any salary and wage ordinance adopted prior to the adoption of this ordinance with provisions inconsistent with the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall, to the extent of any

inconsistency and only to the extent of the inconsistency, be repealed.

SECTION 4. In the event the position becomes vacant or no figure is listed, then the figures noted in the column with the heading "salary or wage range" shall be utilized by the appointing authority and any salary or wage paid within this range shall be deemed appropriate and valid.

SECTION 5. An employee who has medical coverage under a spouse's health benefit plan and waives participation in the Borough of Washington health benefits program shall be compensated at the rate of \$2,000 prorated to compensate the employee for only those pay periods when the Borough is no longer obligated to make health benefit payments.

SECTION 6. The Road Repairer - Supervisor in possession of a valid Certificate as Certified Public Works Manager shall have added to their base pay \$6,000.00 per year to be paid twice per month.

SECTION 7. A public works employee who works eight hours in one day out of title in a job classification with a higher salary or wage range shall be entitled to additional compensation for that day at the rate of his or her current rate of pay plus ten (10%) percent.

SECTION 9. The rates contained herein shall become effective January 1, 2013.

SECTION 10. In accordance with Chapter 3, Article II, Section 15, Subsection E of the Code of the Borough of Washington, this Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage unless the Council, by an affirmative vote of five (5) Council Members, shall adopt a resolution declaring the Ordinance to be an emergency upon which said Ordinance will take effect upon final passage.

Council Discussion:

Manager Blanchard stated that Civil Service went through a title consolidation so changes were made to titles in the salary ordinance. This also brings in line the negotiated CWA contracts with the current salaries.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Torres to approve Ordinance 3-2013 on first reading.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson,
Jewell

Ayes: 6, Nays: (1) Jewell

Motion Carried

Public Hearing of Ordinance 3-2013 An Ordinance Fixing the Salary and Wages of Certain Municipal Officials and Repealing Portions of Prior Inconsistent Salary and Wage Ordinances for the years beginning January 1, 2013 will be on June 5, 2013 and advertisement of the Public Hearing will be in the Star Gazette on May 17, 2013.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to approve advertisement of the Public Hearing of Ordinance 3-2013.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson,
Jewell
Ayes: 6, Nays: (1) Jewell
Motion Carried

REPORTS:

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Jewell to receive and file the following reports:

1. Manager's Report
2. Municipal Court Report - March 2013
3. Police Activity Report – March 2013

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Council Discussion:

Councilman Higgins noted that in the Police Activity Report, Washington Borough has had an increase in activity. Councilman Jewell stated that seems to be the pattern every other month.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Roads Committee:

Councilman Jewell stated that Manager Blanchard met with Tilcon along with DPW today. The paving work is slated to begin on June 17th and it will take approximately three days depending on the weather. The order of streets to be paved is N. Prospect, N. Lincoln, Church Street, Belvidere Avenue, Jackson Street and Alleger Street. The DPW will be the flagmen. The Streets and Roads Committee will notify the utilities, sewer, fire, police, ems and the homeowners. It will also be posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of CWA Union Contract January 2013 through December 2015

The motion to approve the CWA Union Contract January 2013 through December 2015 was moved by Torres, seconded by Conry, and adopted.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, Torres, McDonald, Conry, Higgins,
Thompson
Ayes: 4 Nays: (2) Gleba, Jewell
Abstain: (1) Higgins
Motion carried.

Resolution #99-2013 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #99-2013
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 25, 2012 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Road S., Suite 11, Mendham, NJ 07945 in the amount of \$692.81 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2011 in the name of Callahan, Michael as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 29 Kinnaman Ave., Block 6 Lot 1.01, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #12-00004; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-15-13 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, USDA, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FWDSL & Associates by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,644.76, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #12-00004.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of May, 2013 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Road S., Suite 11, Mendham, NJ 07945 in the amount of **\$1,644.76**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6 Lot 1.01 from the tax office records.

Resolution #99-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jewell and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, Torres, McDonald, Thompson, Conry,
Higgins

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #100-2013 – Adjustment of the Borough’s Sewer Service Charge due to Fire Damaged Property

RESOLUTION # 100-2013
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF
A BOROUGH'S SEWER SERVICE CHARGE
DUE TO FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, a borough property was subject to fire damage on March 10, 2013. As a result of the extensive damage, the house was demolished and;

WHEREAS, the monthly sewer invoice was being billed without interruption, to the damaged property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request from the property owner to end her sewer service charges from the time of the fire damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to adjust the sewer account #816-0 with a balance that reflects the amount due at the time the sewer connection was capped.

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>FINAL BAL. AFTER CAP</u>
25/5	Thiede, Patricia N. 30 School Street	\$ 52.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to adjust sewer balance on the above property location.

Council Discussion:

Mayor McDonald noted that the house is going to be demolished.

Resolution #100-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jewell and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, Torres, McDonald, Thompson, Conry,
Higgins
Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #101-2013 – Escrow Release – McKinley Land Corporation

RESOLUTION #101-2013

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS
FROM MCKINLEY LAND CORPORATION ESCROW ACCOUNT
HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, Jack Blumner, Vice-President of McKinley Land Corporation, 61-43 186th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365, has submitted a letter requesting the closure of the funds remaining in the developer’s escrow account #7200020907, noting that he has no future development plans for the site; and

WHEREAS, the engineers and attorneys representing the Borough of Washington have advised that they have been paid in full and it has been determined that the escrow account monies can be released from the aforementioned account which has been inactive since February, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to McKinley Land Corporation for the amount of the actual balance remaining in Acct. #7200020907.

Resolution #101-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Torres and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, Torres, McDonald, Thompson, Conry,
Higgins
Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #102-2013 – Void and Replace Three Checks

RESOLUTION #102-2013

**A RESOLUTION TO VOID AND REPLACE THREE CHECKS ISSUED
FROM THE CURRENT ACCOUNT AND APPROVED
FOR PAYMENT ON PRIOR APRIL 16, 2013 CLAIMS LIST**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved the following payments on the claims list of April 16, 2013, and subsequently checks were written on April 17, 2013:

Tractor Supply	\$31.60	Ck. #6037	Error: Wrong Vendor
Discount Office Items	\$132.54	Ck. #6010	Error: Wrong Vendor
Washington One Stop	\$41.68	Ck. #7002	Error: Wrong Vendor

WHEREAS, it was brought to the attention of the finance office that the aforementioned checks had been made payable to incorrect vendors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Treasurer to void the above-captioned checks and reissue the payments to the correct vendors as follows:

Frank Rymon & Sons:	\$31.60
Gail Scovell:	\$132.54
Gary Pohorely:	\$41.68

Resolution #102-2013 was moved on a motion made by Conry, seconded by Thompson and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, Torres, McDonald, Thompson, Conry,
Higgins

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$2,533,560.21

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba asked about the amount charged to utilities on page 10. Manager Blanchard replied that since Lukoil is no longer in business, the Borough had to go with a

new vendor and she is working to remove the monthly credit card charge. Councilwoman Gleba also asked about the charge on page 14 for a television commercial. Manager Blanchard replied that charge is out of recreation trust. Councilwoman Gleba stated that something needs to be done to identify which charges are coming out of a trust account in these new reports. Councilman Thompson noted that the fence that was replaced at the grandstand is on page 15 of the bill list. Councilman Thompson commented that at the top of the fence on both sides of the grandstand there are bars instead of fencing. Manager Blanchard will ask the Recreation Commission for clarity on why there are bars instead of fencing. In regards to page 5, Councilman Higgins asked if the Borough is authorized to spray round up weed killer in public spaces. Manager Blanchard will check into it and report back. Councilman Higgins also asked about the charge on page 6 for a replacement phone. Manager Blanchard answered that one of the DPW Nextel phones broke and needed to be replaced.

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Torres and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jewell, Torres, McDonald, Conry, Thompson,
Higgins

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Abstain: Thompson – Fire Dept. & EMS

Jewell – Fire Dept. & EMS

Higgins - Fire

MEETING RE-CAP:

Councilman Torres asked before the recap that he have a chance to address an issue that is old business. Councilman Torres stated that there is a continuing problem on Cattelle Court. Last year Councilman Torres recommended that the Borough do a title search on the property where the North Jackson extension meets Cattelle Court. The owner of the Cattelle Court properties who rents out a few of those properties in question, put a tree down to block off Cattelle Court from the North Jackson extension. It prohibits emergency vehicles from accessing that area. Councilman Torres believes a property title search will solve the issues and should cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500 at most.

Councilman Torres made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 to get a title search done to resolve the issue. No second was made.

Manager Blanchard stated this is a difficult situation and the only way to resolve it may be to do the title search. Councilwoman Gleba added that unfortunately Council just passed the budget and recommended to wait.

Manager Blanchard will contact Chris Jepson to look at the banks along the Shabecong to see if there are any solutions to the flooding. Manager Blanchard will also look at sidewalk on the corner of Grand Avenue and West Warren Street. Manager Blanchard

will also ask the Recreation Commission why there are bars at the top of the grandstand instead of fence. Lastly, Manager Blanchard will work on changing the voucher list to identify the trust accounts on the report.

Councilman Jewell added that there is a home on the corner of Church Street and Jackson Avenue that needs attention. The left side of the two family home is vacant. Cats are getting in there and windows are open and it is affecting the side of the two family home that is occupied.

Councilman Torres added that the lawn located at the Lukoil property on the corner of Routes 31 and 57 has not been cut.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Thompson wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day this weekend.

Councilman Jewell Happy Teacher Appreciation Week and Happy Mothers Day.

Councilman Torres stated that he believed the street crossing sign located at the intersection of Carlton Street and Belvidere Avenue was supposed to be taken down in the evening when not in use. Councilman Torres stated that it is a traffic hazard at night. Councilman Torres also wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilwoman Gleba asked if Council signs the budget. Manager Blanchard replied that Council signs the audit not the budget. Councilwoman Gleba also stated that Council has not had the minutes from Executive Session since July. Manager Blanchard replied that is on her list to be done. Councilwoman Gleba also asked when the Borough will receive the money for recreation from Washington Square. Manager Blanchard replied that the Borough will get the money that is in a trust account once the sales are ninety four percent complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Jewell, seconded by Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk